

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A method for producing β 1,3-1,6 glucan comprising:
culturing an *Aureobasidium* fungus strain FERM P18099 that produces β 1,3-1,6
glucan in a culture medium for a time and under conditions suitable for production of β 1,3-
1,6 glucan in said culture medium.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 3, further comprising
recovering β 1,3-1,6 glucan from the culture medium.

Claim 6 (Original): A culture medium produced by the method of Claim 3.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The culture medium of Claim 6, wherein said
medium contains about 3-5 mg/ml of *Aureobasidium* β 1,3-1,6 glucan.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising from about 0.1 to 100
parts by weight of the undiluted culture medium of Claim 6, ~~wherein said composition is not
a medicine, food, food additive, cosmetic or cleaning solution.~~

Claims 9-11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A food product comprising an isolated or purified β 1,3-1,6 glucan obtained from *Aureobasidium* strain FERM P18099 medium of
~~Claim 10~~, which is a milk product.

Claims 13-23 (Canceled)

Claim 24 (New): The food product of Claim 12, which is a soy or rice milk product.

Claim 25 (New): The food product of Claim 12, which is a fermented milk product.

Claim 26 (New): The food product of Claim 12, which is yogurt.

Claim 27 (New): The food product of Claim 12, which is cheese.

Claim 28 (New): The food product of Claim 12, which is ice cream or a frozen milk product.